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## SPECIAL DELIVERY

Talk about an auspicious debut. Amie Warren, front left, went into labour last Saturday morning at her Ivy Court home, and before she could get out the door, her daughter, Serenity, popped out with a little help from a makeshift delivery team consisting of family friend Natasha Saviskas, far left, step-grandmother Kim Doyle, far right, and Serenity's father, Adrian Campbell. "It was a grand entrance, that's for sure," Doyle said. Serenity Rose Campbell (seven pounds, four ounces) was born at 7:10 a.m. JOHN MATYSZ/METRO

# Pols clash over 'budget bomb'

**Tale of two city views.**  
Different philosophies  
emerge as council  
debates budget



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Pay for it today, or pay for it tomorrow?

It's been a key question batted around city hall as council hashes out the 2013 budget, and it took centre stage on Thursday.

Lighting the wick on "a budget bomb" for the future was cited several times by several councillors, as politicians spent nearly eight hours poring over finances.

Taxpayers will pay — and pay big — in the coming years if service reductions made in the name of freezing taxes aren't permanent, some councillors say. Others are taking a year-by-year approach: Looking for savings now and pledging to find more cuts later.

The two philosophies emerged as councillors debated funding for the London Middlesex Housing Corp. Board members say they need \$481,000

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## \$20M

The city needs to find about \$20 million in budget cuts or new revenue to avoid a tax increase this year.

more this year to avoid cuts. In late January, housing officials asked that a projected \$500,000 surplus from their 2012 budget be used to cover this year's expected gap instead of taking more from taxpayers.

In the end, politicians decided to use the surplus this year, and have city staff comb through the corporation's

budget to find savings for coming years.

But it took hours to reach that point — hours filled with speeches and, at times, squabbles.

"This is called pay me now or pay me more later," Coun. Harold Usher said, voting against using the housing surplus. "This is no different than voodoo economics or voodoo accounting. We're do-

ing something ... just to satisfy one year, and we're not thinking about next year or the next year."

Coun. Joe Swan, who sits on the corporation board, countered comments like those: "We're just saying there is a course of financing available to help council meet its budget objective for one year."

Finding more savings for 2014 will happen, he said. "Give us a year, you might be surprised just how good we can be," Swan said.

But Usher's point has merit. Larry Palarchio, the city's director of financial planning and policy, told council. He had recommended against using the surplus for the budget and wanted it put in savings.

"We're just (buying) some time," he said. Funnelling "one-time money," like surpluses, into operations "will come back as a tax increase in 2014."

Council is already facing that situation, some say, by being forced to decide this year if some temporary cuts made in 2012 should be permanent.

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Joe Swan  
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## Centre of Hope

**Clinic taking 900 new patients**

A medical clinic that caters mainly to those living in downtown London is now accepting 900 new patients in need of a family doctor.

The Centre of Hope Family Health Team at 281 Wellington St. recently recruited Dr. Allen Boettcher, who was previously practising medicine in Chatham.

Families interested in signing up can call 519-645-2348. **AM980/AM980.CA**

## Emergency repairs

**Blackfriars Bridge closed to cars**

Blackfriars Bridge, which connects Ridout Street to Wharncliffe Road, closed Thursday until further notice for emergency repairs on the wooden deck.

While the bridge is closed, the Thames Valley Parkway connecting Gibbons Park and Harris Park will remain open, as will the walkway on Blackfriars Bridge. **METRO**

## Municipal marketing

**'Canada's London' logo out Saturday**

The city's pulling the sheets off "Canada's London."

The branding and accompanying logo will be rolled out to the masses on Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Covent Garden Market skating rink.

The marketing campaign is aimed at making London stick in the minds of people visiting for the World Figure Skating Championships, slated for March 11-17 at Budweiser Gardens. **METRO**

## 10-year-old victim

**Arrest made in public flashing**

Police in St. Thomas have made an arrest after a man exposed himself to a 10-year-old girl outside a Tim Hortons.

It happened around 6 p.m. Sunday at the Tims on Elm Street. Police say the man went outside to have a cigarette, then exposed his genitals to the child through the window.

Edmund Vaughan, 41, faces one charge of committing an indecent act.

According to police, further investigation has led them to believe that there may be similar incidents that have gone unreported. **AM980/AM980.CA**



Coun. Sandy White at the third round of budget talks, which lasted nearly eight hours and ended with about \$4 million in cuts recommended. **ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**

# Councillors chip away at budget

**Fire-service hike approved.** Talks end with millions more to go on path to zero



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It may not be paved in gold bricks, but city councillors are building a road to a third consecutive tax freeze.

Politicians ended a third round of budget talks \$7.8 million short of the goal on

Thursday. Talks will resume at 9 a.m. Friday with several big-ticket items — including funding for the first year of a 10-year, \$60-million economic-development plan — on the table.

Council started budget talks in January with about \$20 million in savings or new revenue needed to avoid a tax hike.

Thursday's biggest move was preliminary approval of a one per cent budget increase — instead of the requested 7.7 per cent — for fire services.

That means the fire department will get \$540,028

more this year compared to 2012. Officials wanted about \$4.2 million more, a number figured into the proposed budget tabled in December.

The change, sailing through with a 13-0 vote, won't affect service, Mayor Joe Fontana and fire Chief John Kobarda stressed.

"People can rest assured that they're as safe today as they were yesterday and will be tomorrow," Kobarda said.

The lion's share of the original request was to cover salary and benefit increases sought by the firefighters' union.

## At a glance

All councillors sit on the committee handling the budget debates, so there's a good chance decisions made will take effect.

- **Nothing's final**, though, until full council OK's the budget on Feb. 28.

- **At Thursday's end**, taxpayers were facing a 1.7 per cent hike this year, or about \$40 for the average homeowner.



Police executed a high-risk takedown Thursday at Wharncliffe Road and Emery Street. A feared firearm turned out to be an air rifle. **AM980/AM980.CA**

## Two calls. Police warn against replica firearms

London police Chief Brad Duncan is warning against carrying replica guns after police attended two incidents Thursday where they thought an actual firearm was involved.

Officers and members of the emergency-response unit dealt with those calls, one near Wharncliffe Road and Emery

Street, the other near Wellington Road and Bradley Avenue.

"Aside from the significant resources that are committed to gun calls, the consequences of a police officer engaging a person armed with what entirely appears to be a real gun could be devastating," Duncan said in a release. **METRO**



## Cancelled plants. Auditor can't get to the bottom of scandal, opposition says

Ontario's opposition parties welcomed a move by Kathleen Wynne Thursday to ask the auditor general to broaden his examination of cancelled gas plants, but said they still want committee hearings into the controversy.

The premier-designate asked auditor general Jim McCarter to add the cancelled gas plant in Oakville to his current probe of the Mississauga project — two decisions that cost taxpayers at least \$230 million.

The Conservatives and New Democrats said the auditor doesn't have the power to get answers to all the questions surrounding the Liberal government's politically motivated decisions.

"The auditor general does not have the capacity to get at some of the very important information that we need: Who was making the decisions to cancel the gas plants, where did the directive come from, are all the documents out," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

"There's a lot of things that the auditor general simply cannot do."

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak also questioned the auditor general's power to get to the bottom of the gas-plants scandal.

"While the auditor can look at expenses ... he does not have the authority to subpoena individuals who gave the orders to cover up information," said Hudak.

McCarter, however, said the



Kathleen Wynne TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### Demanding hearings

- The Tories and NDP started demanding hearings into the Liberals' decision to cancel the generating stations just hours after Wynne won her party's leadership Jan. 26.
- The Tories had threatened to again raise the contempt-of-Parliament charge against Energy Minister Chris Bentley if there are no hearings when the legislature returns.

request to probe the Oakville project would not delay the report into the Mississauga gas plant beyond its expected release in late March or April. The report into the Oakville plant would come months later, added McCarter. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Finance minister. Dwight Duncan confirms he's quitting politics

Calling himself "Dalton McGuinty's guy," Finance Minister Dwight Duncan announced Thursday he was quitting Ontario politics to clear the way for premier-designate Kathleen Wynne to renew the Liberal front benches.

"I think Kathleen needs a free hand, and there are a lot of talented people in our caucus who have not had the opportunity to serve in cabinet, (and) can help put a fresh face on the government," Duncan said at the Ontario legislature.

Duncan said he plans to quit as the MPP for Windsor-Tecumseh, effective Feb. 14, which will force Wynne to call a byelection within six months.

Duncan, who oversaw the introduction of the harmonized sales tax in Ontario and the bailout of the auto companies during the recession, admitted he won't miss being finance minister, especially when spending is severely limited by the \$11.9-billion deficit.

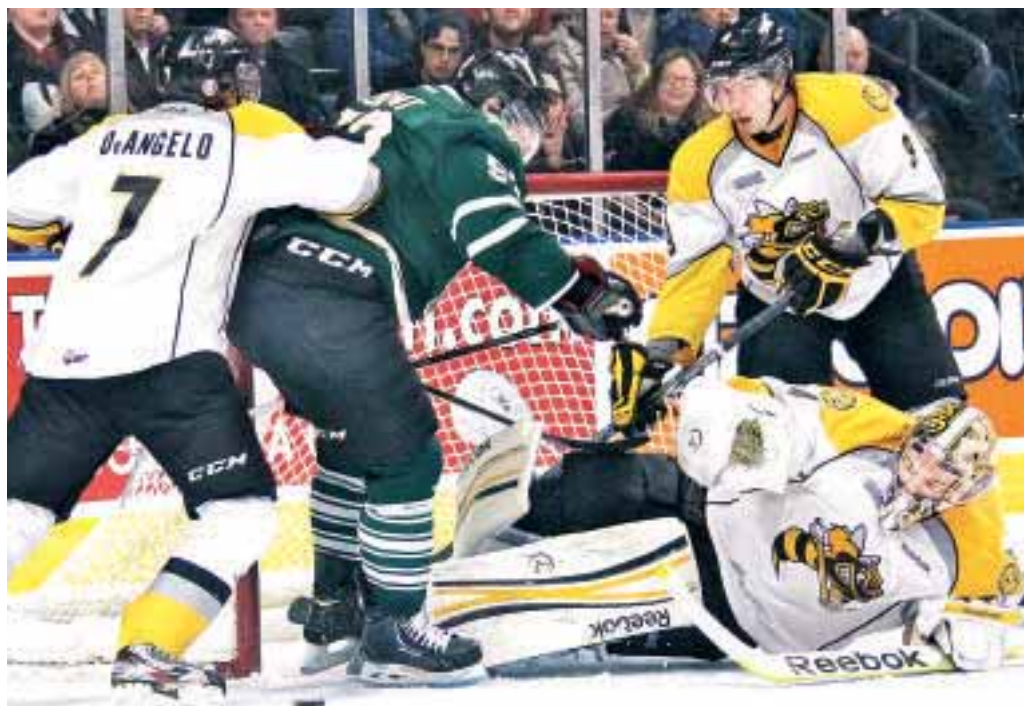


Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan THE CANADIAN PRESS

"It's a very lonely job in the sense that you're the one who has to bring all the bad news to your colleagues in a good economy or a bad economy, and you're very isolated," he said.

"You're very much alone within your cabinet and caucus because you're always Dr. No, and you can't flinch."

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## London Knights stung by Sarnia in OT

London Knights forward Bo Horvat crashes the net during first-period action, as Sarnia Sting defenceman Anthony DeAngelo pushes him away from the puck and goalie J.P. Anderson scrambles. The Knights were beaten by the Sting 4-3 in overtime at Budweiser Gardens on Thursday. The Owen Sound Attack are in London to face the Knights on Friday night. **JOHN MATISZ/METRO**

# Rioter sentenced to house arrest

**St. Patrick's Day.** London man has admitted to being among those who helped flip news van



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A 22-year-old London man who helped tip over a news van during the St. Patrick's Day riot near Fanshawe College has been given an eight-month conditional sentence.

Jason Guillemette will be under house arrest for five

months. For the remaining three months, he's required to be inside from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. After that, he'll serve a 15-month probation.

Under the sentence, Guillemette isn't allowed to drink alcohol, must wear an electronic ankle bracelet, and must perform 50 hours of community service.

"Mr. Guillemette's conduct rose above and beyond simply being a part of a mob. He did not just passively watch others. He attempted to throw a large piece of wood, which I understood to be a piece of fencing, at a police SUV," Justice Jonathon George wrote in the court record, explaining the sentence.

Guillemette has no prior criminal record, George noted, and "fits the profile of many of the other accused who have appeared before the court in this matter."

"By all accounts this was out of character, and was the result of getting caught up in essentially a mob mentality," the justice said.

George handed down the sentence Jan. 30, weeks after another rioter — Marco Brusco, 19, of Oshawa, also involved in flipping the news van — received a 15-month conditional sentence.

Guillemette pleaded guilty to damaging the van, which was eventually set on fire on

Fleming Drive. He also pleaded guilty to being a member of an unlawful assembly.

The Crown recommended a jail sentence of three to six months followed by probation.

All in all, Guillemette wasn't a leader in the riot, George decided.

"He would be more properly placed in the grouping of offenders that slightly exceed what I'll call the 'middle range,'" the justice wrote. "He wasn't a passive observer. He didn't simply yell and offer encouragement. He actively participated and was directly involved in causing damage. By the same token, his conduct did not rise to the level of some."

## Western prof. awarded 3M National Teaching Fellowship

Western University's Mark Goldszmidt has been awarded a 3M National Teaching Fellowship recognizing his dedication to teaching, learning, and educational leadership.

Goldszmidt is an associate professor in the department of medicine and acting director for the Centre for Education Research and Innovation at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Goldszmidt adds the 3M fellowship to past accolades including the New Investigator Award from the American Association of Medical Colleges, the GlaxoSmithKline Young Educators



Mark Goldszmidt  
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Award, the Canadian Association of Medical Education New Educator Award of Excellence, the Schulich Award of Excellence in Education, and the London Health Sciences Centre's MAC Award of Excellence.

In its 28th year, the 3M fellowship is one of the most prestigious acknowledgements of teaching excellence in Canada. There are now 275 fellows across the country,

representing a broad range of academic disciplines.

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education will invite this year's 3M fellows to be honoured at its annual conference. Later this year, the fellows will attend a four-day retreat to discuss teaching and share new ideas. They are also featured in this week's issue of Maclean's.

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# Mr. Baird goes to Washington

**Cross-border relations.** Canada first on the list to meet with America's new secretary of state

John Baird will be the first foreign minister to sit down with America's newest secretary of state on Friday when he meets with John Kerry at the U.S. State Department to discuss an array of bilateral and international issues.

The two men will "discuss ways to deepen co-operation in the extensive Canada-U.S. relationship," including efforts to streamline trade and travel at the border, department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Thursday.

Kerry, who was officially sworn in on Wednesday, insisted that he meet first with Canada's foreign minister.

"The secretary felt very strongly that our Canadian neighbour and ally should come first," Nuland said.

In a statement, Baird said he was looking forward to working with Kerry "to find new

## Keystone pipeline

- Nuland said TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline will almost certainly be a key topic of conversation between the two men on Friday.
- Baird made the case for Keystone approval during a weekend phone conversation with Kerry. The State Department will make the ultimate decision on Keystone because it crosses an international border.

ways to create jobs, growth and opportunity on both sides of our shared border."

Nuland wouldn't bite on questions about who might become America's next ambassador to Canada. Several names are being bandied about by prognosticators in Canada-U.S. circles, including that of Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of assassinated former president John F. Kennedy. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird takes part in a press conference in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



## A smog-free ride through Bogota on a Day Without Cars

Cyclists ride along an empty avenue that leads to the airport in Bogota, Colombia, on Thursday. Residents of Colombia's capital walked, biked or used public transport during a Day Without Cars, on the 13th year that cars have been banned for a day to promote alternative transportation as a way to reduce smog. **FERNANDO VERGARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Israel. Facebook helps woman beat traffic ticket

An Israeli woman has turned to Facebook to beat a parking ticket — and expose a Tel Aviv road crew.

Hila Ben Baruch says she parked her car legally near her Tel Aviv home only to find it gone and replaced with a handicapped parking sign. City hall slapped her with more than \$300 US in fines. Making matters worse, she says a city representative accused her of lying when she called to complain.

Determined to prove her innocence, she obtained footage from a security camera

showing municipal workers painting the handicapped symbol under her car, then towing the vehicle away.

She told Channel 2 she was "shocked." The video, put on Facebook, has gone viral.

The Tel Aviv municipality has apologized and refunded the fines. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### On the web

To see the video, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)



## Syria. Soldiers shake their booty to Usher

A video posted online purportedly shows Syrian soldiers taking a break from the country's civil war by bopping around to American R&B star Usher's hit song, Yeah!

The soldiers dressed in camouflage combat gear — some armed with automatic rifles or rocket-propelled grenades poking out of their flak jackets — form a conga line and shimmy past the camera grinning.

The video, which was allegedly filmed in southern Syria, appeared to be authentic and the uniforms consist-



A screen shot taken from the video. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ent with those worn by Syrian soldiers. It appeared on both pro-regime social networking sites and anti-regime YouTube channels.

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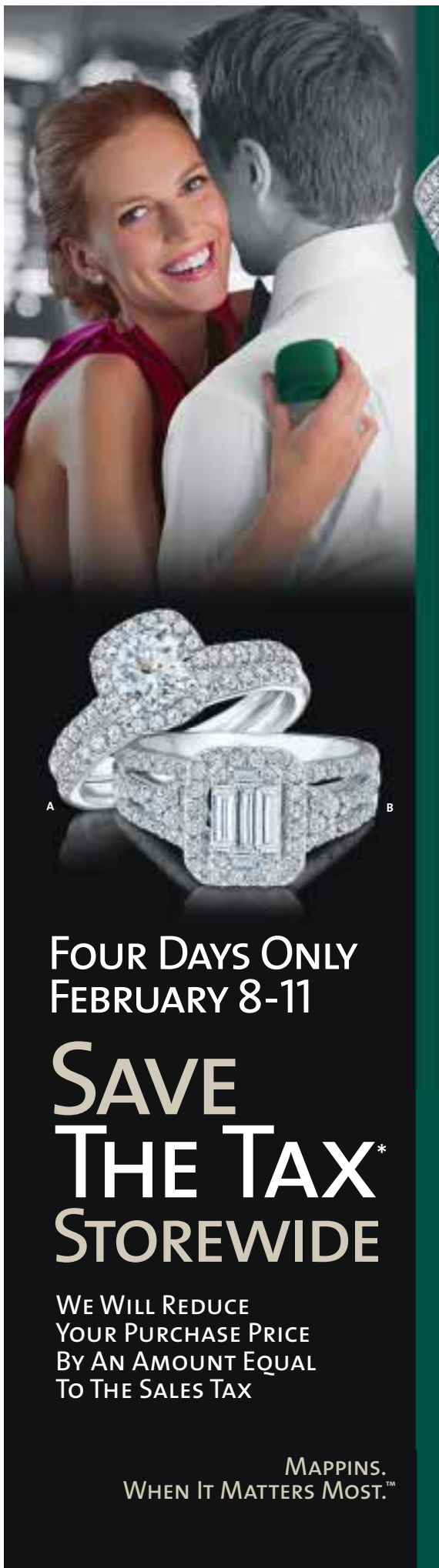
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Province is  
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While most of the country is feeling economically crunched, with fewer job opportunities and budgets blanketed in red, Saskatchewan is booming.

It's a boom that could help protect the country against a shaky global economy.

"We have what the world wants right now, not just with respect to natural resources, but also in terms of agriculture," said Premier Brad Wall.

Wall highlights a 7.7 per cent growth in exports — the highest rate of growth in the country between November 2011 and November 2012 — saying the province is blessed to rely on multiple resources rather than just one. Currently, Saskatchewan is a major producer of potash, uranium, oil and natural gas, and is a world leader in pulse crops.

In late 2012 the Conference Board of Canada reported that Saskatchewan is poised to have the fastest-growing economy in 2013 and 2014, which boils down to two things: more money and more jobs.

"It's a great quality of life here," said Wall. "When you take a look at the rest of the country, it's very competitive from a cost-of-living standpoint, and there are jobs here that we can offer and jobs that are available right now."

With growth comes growing pains — which Wall said his government is working on keeping to a minimum by way of major investments in infrastructure and appropriate tax exemptions.

Perhaps most important is that the boom is nowhere near slowing down.

"It's continuing.... That's the first thing other Canadians should know: that this is real what's happening here in Saskatchewan," said Wall.

JANE CAULFIELD/METRO IN SASKATOON

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## SUDDENLY SEXY SAS

For many Canadians, Saskatchewan is a 'fly-over' province, its sparsely populated countryside and (mostly) But Saskatchewan is maturing — and darn if she isn't filling out nicely. Here's a grain elevator full of reasons



## Rural allure

Fresh as a daisy  
— dukes, that is,  
and just as cheeky

You know what they say. Country is so hot right now, and they're not just talking about the sunny summers in the Prairies. Daisy dukes and cowboy boots may have made their pop-culture comeback, but they never went out of style in Saskatchewan.

## Baby, you can drive my car

Just call 'em  
sugar daddy

Saskatchewan ain't no scrub. You know the old joke about cash being the ultimate aphrodisiac? Well, Saskatchewan is well on its way to becoming the sugar-daddy province, with its high employment, high levels of business ownership and luxury shopping to match, like Saskatchewan's first Porsche dealership.

## Hot as all get out

A future so bright,  
it needs shades

An international spotlight has been shining down on this province's sizzling talent, like soccer dynamo Kaylyn Kyle, pictured here, who claimed bronze at the 2012 Olympics, and Saskatoon rockers The Sheepdogs. And keep an eye on up-and-coming folk-rockers Young Benjamins. Nothing's sexier than young blood.

## She digs football

She's into the game:  
A fantasy come true

Hey guys, you know how you've always wanted a girlfriend who'd watch a football game? Well Saskatchewan women — and not just Roughriders fans — will also pick up the ball. The province boasts the 2012 champs of the Western Women's Canadian Football League. And these ladies are serious, forgoing the cutesy lingerie.

## Baby, it's warm inside

Staying stoked  
all night long is  
what they do best

During the harsh Prairie winters there's nothing better than staying inside and keeping each other warm. While the methods of escaping severe winds and cold temperatures vary, it usually involves a fireplace, some sultry tunes and a 12 of Pilsner.

## Wheat champ



1911

Rosthern farmer Seager Wheeler wins first of five world wheat championships with his entry of Marquis at the New York Land Show. He soon develops new varieties of barley, wheat and oats.

## Hockey broadcast

1923

Saskatchewan's first radio station, CKCK Regina, airs one of the world's first live broadcasts of a pro hockey game: the Regina Capitals vs. the Edmonton Eskimos.



## Marketing giant

1924

Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited (a.k.a. Saskatchewan's Wheat Pool) becomes the largest co-operative marketing organization in the world.



## Pumped on natural gas

1934

Saskatchewan's first successful natural-gas well, Discovery No. 1, near Lloydminster, inaugurates the era of commercial production in the province that continues to this day.

## Uranium rules

1952

The province's first major oil field is discovered and EMRL begins uranium production. The oil pumps for 40 years; uranium production marks the beginning of a 50-year reign as world's largest uranium producer.

## Plentiful potash

1962

The potash mine at Esterhazy, which would become the world's largest, starts producing in earnest thanks to the Blairmore Ring, a technology that prevents mine-shaft flooding, which had stalled previous efforts.



flat landscape having long been the butt of jokes. why the province is now the object of hungry eyes.

# KATCHEWAN



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## They've got the nightlife

### Brew pubs & bars & nightclubs — oh yeah!

Sure, sure — in Saskatchewan you may think it's all farming and no play, but with brew pubs, bars, nightclubs, concert venues and restaurants cropping up all over the place, they're defying the notion that they don't know how to party.

## Growing culture

### Great big art throb

Saskatchewan takes its art seriously. Local talent is fiercely supported by the citizens of the province, which has encouraged musicians, performers and visual artists to put down roots. And the Remai Art Gallery of Saskatchewan, slated to begin construction in Saskatoon in March, will feature a collection of original Picassos that is sure to wow and inspire.

## Big on all outdoors

### Rockin' the rugged wilderness

Do you like a certain lumberjack quality in your significant other? If so, then look no further than the frontiersmen and women of Saskatchewan. Many have been braving the untamed wilderness on boats, skis and snowmobiles since they were no taller than a stalk of wheat.

JEFF MACKEY/METRO IN REGINA

## Five things you didn't know about Saskatchewan



### 1 Rider pride. Most passionate fans

Riders merch accounts for approximately 70 per cent of all CFL sales. Why wouldn't you want your toothbrush, baby's onesie and golf tees in green and white?

### 2 Let it shine. Sunniest province

Not only do Saskatchewanians get the most sunrays, the province also has the highest number of hot days (more than 30 C) and one of the clearest skies annually.

### 3 Time stands still. No DST shift

Saskatchewan stays the same time year-round, the only province to shun daylight savings time. It switches between central and mountain time by simply not "springing ahead" and people like it that way.

### 4 It ain't so flat. Cypress Hills

Cypress Hills in the southwest part of the province is 4,567 feet above sea level, making it the highest point in Canada between Labrador and the Rocky Mountains.

### 5 Nautical history. Shipwreck

In 2012, archeologists discovered the wreck of a steamship in the South Saskatchewan River that sunk in Saskatoon in 1908. No one was killed in the century-old accident, which was called the "greatest nautical disaster in Prairie history."

ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO IN REGINA

## 'It' place. Why people love it here

Metro talked to people who have lived in Saskatchewan all their lives, others who have come back and those who are new to the province. Here's what they told us. **MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON**



"Here I can be a bigger fish in a small pond."

Ryan Smith, 32, CEO of Varial Technologies Inc. and co-founder of Ominocity, a music-and-culture blog. Sask. local.



"The quality of life that I have here (is) comparable to or better than ... a lot of other parts of Canada."

Bronwyn Stoddard, 27, copy writer at the Marketing Den. Sask. local.



"I figured opportunity seems to be everywhere but here, but things really changed here."

Paul Chavady, 25, real estate agent. Came to Sask. in 2001 from India, moved to Calgary in 2006, returned to Sask. in 2007.



"I knew things had changed.... I felt it was the right time for me to come back."

Blair Braitenbach, 33, communications co-ordinator, FASD Support Network of Saskatchewan Inc. Sask. local, left for Calgary in 2003, returned in 2012.



"I know there's going to be no issues finding a job here in my field."

Millie Lemieux, 27, grad student at the University of Saskatchewan in animal behaviour. Grew up in the Ottawa Valley, moved to Sask. in 2011.



"I noticed right away ... just how friendly and open people were, and accepting."

Laurence Nixon, 25, account manager at zu web strategy, design and development agency. Recruited by U of S Huskies football program in 2005, grew up in Richmond, B.C.

## Indie campus

1974

The University of Regina is created as the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan becomes a separate institution.

## 1st debit card

1985

The first debit card in North America is tested at a Swift Current Pioneer Co-op. In 1981, the same credit union in Regina that brought Canada the ATM was busy working on the debit-card concept.

## One-century young

2005

The province celebrates its 100th birthday.

## Unemployment falls

2009

While Canada was in the midst of a recession, Saskatchewan was the only province to record a decline in unemployment.

## Population rises

2012

As the economy grows, so does the population. The province's population reaches an all-time record of 1,086,564. Saskatchewan also sees the highest employment rate in July with 542,600 employed.

## A-1 economy

2013

According to the Conference Board of Canada, Saskatchewan will have the top-ranked economy among the provinces, with a growth rate of 3.4 per cent. **JONATHAN RUSSELL AND ALI ZAFAR/METRO IN TORONTO**



# Brazeau believed to be in custody

## Domestic violence?

Controversial, outspoken senator kicked out of Tory caucus amid reports he was arrested

Conservative Sen. Patrick Brazeau was turfed from his party's caucus and believed to be behind bars Thursday after a 911 call summoned police to his home to investigate a complaint of domestic violence.

Brazeau, long a prominent and polarizing figure both within Canada's aboriginal community and beyond, was swiftly removed from the Conservative caucus after police arrived at his home in Gatineau, Que., around 9 a.m.

About three hours later — with Brazeau believed to be in custody, a red police tape cordon around his house and a cruiser parked in the driveway — a letter was circulated among caucus that he was no longer a member.

"It's known that in light of the serious events that have been reported today, I have re-



Sen. Patrick Brazeau  
FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

moved Sen. Brazeau from the Conservative caucus," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the Commons.

"Our understanding is that these are matters of a personal nature rather than Senate business, but they are very serious and we expect they will be dealt with through the courts."

House Leader Peter Van Loan later confirmed in the House that Brazeau's departure was directly linked to reports of a domestic incident.

Brazeau, however, has been a thorn in the Conserva-

tive caucus' side for months, most recently over allegations that he was using other people's addresses in order to qualify for a Senate housing allowance and an aboriginal tax exemption.

Police described Brazeau's house as a crime scene, although they refused to confirm it was indeed the senator who was in custody, saying only that a man was arrested at the Gatineau address after a call to 911.

By the dinner hour Thursday, no charges had been formally laid. Police said they would keep the suspect in custody pending a possible court appearance Friday morning.

"There's no charge right now at the moment, but we will continue our investigation," said Gatineau police spokesman Pierre Lanthier.

Lanthier would not comment on the condition of the victim.

Brazeau's office said Thursday that he would remain in the Senate as independent.

Were he to face charges, Brazeau would be placed on



A police officer talks on a cellphone outside the house of Sen. Patrick Brazeau in Gatineau, Que., Thursday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

leave from the Senate, and though he could still attend sessions, his access to benefits would be curtailed. He would only be suspended if convicted of an indictable of-

fence.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair said he hoped the Senate scrutinizes those rules if it ever comes time to apply them.

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## Victoria

### Pocket-dialling horror story

When a woman in Victoria got a call from her daughter's cellphone and heard terrified screams, she immediately dialled 911. It turned out the daughter was at a horror movie and had inadvertently called her mother. But police say they were forced to check on the daughter to make sure she was okay.

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## Close call?

### Massive asteroid about to soar past Earth

An asteroid measuring 150 feet will zip past Earth next week. The megarock will pass within 27,400 kilometres of the planet — the closest-known approach ever for an object of this size. But NASA scientists said Thursday there's no reason to worry. They insist there is absolutely no chance of a collision next Friday.

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## Owen Sound

### City websites redirect visitors to pornography

It could be two weeks before Owen Sound's city websites, pulled down following a virus attack, are back online. Owen Sound officials say they're dealing with a problem that occurred on Sunday, when specific links on the city sites redirected users to a pornography website. Owen Sound Mayor Deb Haswell wants to assure residents that no private information has been compromised.

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## Mark of the beast?

### Man quits job over 666 scare

A Tennessee maintenance worker says he quit his job because his income-tax form was stamped with the number 666. Walter Slonopas said accepting the number would have condemned his soul to hell. That number is considered the mark of the beast in the Bible's Book of Revelation describing the apocalypse.

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## Captain Kirk spaces out. Shatner chats with Canadian astronaut

There was a surreal moment in outer space Thursday, as the man who played Captain James T. Kirk chatted with a real-life astronaut aboard the International Space Station.

William Shatner, the Canadian-born actor of Star Trek fame, spoke for a few minutes with Chris Hadfield, who is currently on a five-month space voyage.

The actor asked serious questions about Hadfield's hopes for space travel, as well as his fears, and the emotions he felt as he stared out from beyond Earth. They also exchanged a few jokes. Shatner quipped that if he flopped while performing,

the worst thing that could happen is he might sweat a little bit. "In your case," he told Hadfield, "you burn up."

He also asked Hadfield how he felt, being away from his home planet for so long. That prompted a philosophical reply from the astronaut about how far humanity has come since the original Star Trek era.

Hadfield responded that in the 1960s, having a phone chat with someone in outer space was the stuff of science fiction. Today, Hadfield said, it's a reality and it helps make astronauts feel more closely connected to loved ones back home.

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Astronaut Chris Hadfield speaks live from the International Space Station with legendary actor William Shatner, Thursday. MARKETWIRE PHOTO/CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY

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# Carney rules out career in politics

**Central banking.** At U.K. confirmation hearing, incoming BoE governor puts rumours to rest

Mark Carney wanted to make one thing perfectly clear Thursday before submitting to his unofficial, and ultimately successful, job interview for governor of the Bank of England — “I do not have political ambitions.”

The proof, Carney said, is in his choice of taking on the extremely challenging post as England’s top banker.

The statement before his hearing in London was perhaps the most categorical disavowal of any political interest for now, or when he is expected to return to Canada in five years.

The issue arose after it was revealed in December that Carney had been courted for — and in some eyes appeared somewhat interested in — the Liberal leadership, and had vacationed at the Liberal finance critic’s cottage during the summer. The speculation in Canada is that Carney would be ready to jump into the political ring after returning from England



Mark Carney, the current head of the Bank of Canada, will become governor of the Bank of England on July 1.  
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

in 2018.

“I’m surprised it has been suggested that taking one of the most challenging jobs in central banking in another country would be politically advantageous in my home country,” he told the Treasury Select committee.

“If I had political ambitions, I would have pursued them in Canada and so I think this is revealed preference. I do not have political ambitions.”

Carney, the current governor of the Bank of Canada, will take charge of the storied, 319-year-old Bank of England on July 1, the first foreigner to ever do so. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Art market weathers Europe's economic storm

This 1932 painting by Pablo Picasso entitled *Woman Sitting Near a Window* fetched almost \$45 million US at auction Tuesday at Sotheby's in London. Sales of impressionist, modern and surrealist art this week at Sotheby's and rival Christie's saw pre-sale estimates shattered, proving the high-end art market is weathering Europe's economic storm. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

### Halifax

## Nova Scotia gives BlackBerry \$10M to preserve jobs

The Nova Scotia government is handing tech giant BlackBerry \$10 million over

five years to make sure the company keeps at least 400 jobs in the province. Premier Darrell Dexter said that without the investment, the company could have moved the work elsewhere, draining high-paying jobs from the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Cineplex. NHL lockout credited for upping profit

A slate of Hollywood hits featuring superheroes and a secret agent helped exhibitor Cineplex Inc. deliver the best full-year results in its history, and an almost 200-per-cent increase in fourth-quarter profit.

Chief executive Ellis Jacob said Thursday that the NHL lockout left Canadians with fewer options for Saturday night entertainment. He thinks that was at least part of the reason Cineplex saw quarterly attendance jump 23 per cent.

“I keep saying (it) helped us, but it’s hard to quantify,” Jacob said in an interview after the company reported its results.

“All I can tell you is personally when I asked people, ‘What are you doing?’ everybody on a Saturday night seemed to be going to a movie. When we checked the numbers it was hard to tell.”

A combination of high-adrenaline action movies like James Bond entry *Skyfall* and broadly appealing adventures like *The Hobbit* and the finale of the *Twilight* series gave hockey fans plenty of alternatives. “The movies were appealing to a much wider demographic,” Jacob added. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Dominant player

- Cineplex is by far the country’s biggest exhibitor and owns movie theatres from Quebec to British Columbia. The company draws about 70 per cent of Canadian box-office revenue, with its competitor Empire Theatres ranking a very distant second place with about 14 per cent.

### Market Minute

	<b>DOLLAR</b> 100.20¢ (-0.25¢)
	<b>TSX</b> 12,755.92 (-5.68)
	<b>OIL</b> \$95.83 US (-79¢)
	<b>GOLD</b> \$1,671.30 US (-\$7.50)
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# THIS MIGHT SOUND CHEESY ...



**THE LIST**  
Paul Sullivan  
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It's officially time for the unofficial list of everything noteworthy or maybe just crazy. If it's worth talking about, it's here. If it's not listed, welp, then

don't even think about bringing it up around the watercooler.

**1** **BillieBieBie.** Justin Bieber, often the butt of The Metro List, is elevated to No. 1 in honour of being the youngest artist to have five No. 1 albums on the Billboard Top 200. He turns 19 on March 1. Somewhere out there, Mozart's feeling old.

**2** **A gravy state of affairs.** A fire destroys the St. Albert cheese factory, setting off a poutine panic in the nation's capital, as the supply of curds is cut off. Other cheese factories have offered to leap into the breach and produce emergency curds. Meanwhile, that sigh of relief is coming from Ottawa-area arteries.

**3** **Speaking of clogged arteries.** Sen. Mike Duffy is in big trouble for claiming the expense allowance that goes with representing the good people of Prince Edward Island and maintaining a residence on The Gentle Island. The wags are calling him "Senator Come-From-Away," and the Opposition demands to know the last time he actually set foot in Cavendish, where he allegedly lives. Mike, who spent many years demanding answers as a national political correspondent, is uncharacteristically silent.

**4** **Ottawa Babylon.** What's with the Senate? Usually little more than a dormitory for burnt-out bagmen, the Senate's on fire with scandal. Now Canada's youngest senator, Patrick Brazeau, has been linked to an alleged domestic disturbance and kicked out of the Tory caucus. When unelected political hacks behave badly, I say off with their expense accounts!

**5** **Speaking of Prince Edward Island.** CreateSpace (owned by Amazon) has reinvented Anne of Green Gables as a blond, complete with heaving bosom and come-hither look. Huh? Anne fans are not amused. Where are the carrotty pigtails and freckles? And who, exactly, is the world's largest bookseller trying to reach by sexing up the patron saint of P.E.I.? Definitely not your mother's Anne. Maybe your kid brother's?

**6** **My kingdom for a hearse.** The bones of King Richard III, epic Shakespearean villain, are dug up in a parking lot in Leicester, England. His final resting place will likely be a tomb in the more royally suitable Leicester Cathedral. And along with the up-grave, he's getting an image makeover. Turns out the last Plantagenet wasn't a nasty, scheming hunchback after all, but the victim of 16th-century Tudor attack ads.

**7** **BlackBerries ripe for picking.** RIM changes its name to BlackBerry and launches the sleek new Z10 phone in Canada and the U.K., but it won't be on sale in the U.S. until mid-March (where they'll call it the Zee10). Meanwhile, BlackBerry has hired songbird Alicia Keys to spread the musical word across America. Now, if only they can get her to stop tweeting from her iPhone.

**8** **Year of the Snake.** If you've already booted your new year's resolutions, no problem. Lunar New Year, Feb. 10, gives you a chance to reboot. Let's just hope 2013 doesn't turn out like 1929, a previous snake-bit year!

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## The skin-ny on military training



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### Military training

#### Going Spartan for S. Korean snow

Around 400 marines from South Korea and the United States have shed their shirts in sub-zero temperatures as part of a training exercise near the ski resort town of Pyeongchang, some 180 kilometres east of Seoul.

The bare-chested soldiers walked through icy water and performed pushups on the snow to test their limits in extreme conditions. **METRO**

### Viral military

#### Air force parodies Les Misérables

Despite a penchant for serious training, South Korea's armed forces show they can have fun, too.

The country's air force has posted a Les Misérables parody on YouTube, complete with snow-shovelling airmen, a lovesick military service conscript and a vengeful superior officer.

The clip, entitled Les Militaribles, has amassed around a million views in just a few days. **METRO**

### Army man's viewpoint

#### "Through this training session, Marine Corps of South Korea and the U.S. will learn how to adapt to various combat environments, including extreme cold and snow."

Lt.-Col. Lee Keun-soo to the Yonhap News Agency. It is the first time that the marine corps of the two allied nations have held such joint winter drills, officials said.

### In numbers

**18**

days — the length of the marines' grueling extreme training (until Feb. 22). Temperatures can dip below -20 C.

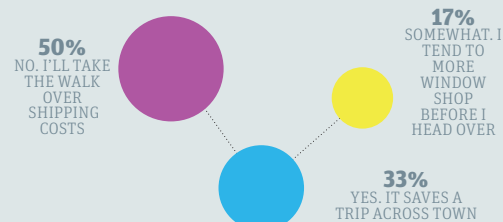


Justin Bieber flashes his abs on Late Night With Jimmy Fallon on Tuesday.  
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#### @sonykr4:

Prof just told us about her pot smoking days... #westernu #sociology





Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy are hardly rational humans in *Identity Thief*. HANDOUT

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# ‘Comedy’ a time thief

**Identity Thief.** Even Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy can't save this plastic farce of a plot that hinges on stolen credit cards

Richard: Mark, there is suspension of disbelief. Then there's stretching the limits of believability. And then there is *Identity Thief*. I don't demand that my movies make perfect sense. Far from it. If I am enjoying the story I'm willing to overlook some leaps in logic. But the plot twists here simply don't work. For one thing, I guess simply cancelling the stolen credit cards lacks comedic possibilities, but it would have been the right thing to do and it would have spared us this mostly unfunny "comedy."

Mark: Richard, this is a very,

very broad comedy, and I don't just mean Melissa McCarthy's pants. Frankly, I found it hard to sit through what felt like a bad remake of *Trains, Planes and Automobiles* with John Candy in drag and assassins just behind. But I don't know which I found more dispiriting — the actors trying to wring a few drops of laughter from the nonsensical yet predictable script or the sentimental relationship between the main characters, which would NEVER, EVER happen if ANY detail of the film were real.

RC: The sickly sentimentality of the last half of the movie — he learns confidence, she gains a conscience — tries to humanize two characters who don't behave like humans. It would be like the Three Stooges unloading onscreen about childhood trauma. You can't make us feel for these characters no matter how often you show McCarthy crying, because there

isn't an ounce of authenticity anywhere in the film.

MB: Correct! But what you might feel, as I did, is what a fine actor McCarthy is, even with this bogus material, and how badly you want her to be paired with another script of *Bridesmaids* quality. As far as Bateman goes, he's Paul Rudd lite, but even Rudd would not have made a difference here. I knew from the early scene with Jon Favreau that there was nothing grounding this flick.

RC: McCarthy's timing is perfect. Over dinner when she's asked, "Do you know what a sociopath is?" She replies, "Do they like ribs?" Not a great gag but her timing sells it. Imagine what she might have done with actual jokes.

MB: Usually in a movie like this one, there's one supporting actor who's rises above the rest of the movie. In

Synopsis

After struggling midlevel executive Sandy Patterson (Jason Bateman) foolishly divulges his credit card information over the phone to Diana (Melissa McCarthy), she steals his identity and quickly racks up five-digit debt on his cards. When the cops in his home state of Colorado inform him they can't do anything unless she comes to Denver, he goes to Florida, finds her and vows to drive her back, across the country, to justice.

Star ratings:

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

this one, nobody. Zilch. Poor Amanda Peet, forced, probably at gunpoint, to act with only her pert hairdo.

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# A good day for McClane in Moscow?

**Die Hard.** Bruce Willis reprises his role as a comedic cop — this time blasting his way around Eastern Europe

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News in Hollywood

Bruce Willis is the first to admit that, five movies in, the titles of the Die Hard franchise are getting a bit ridiculous. "We only do another Die Hard when they have another really complicated title that no one quite understands," Willis jokes. "We had just gotten to where we understand (2007's) Live Free or Die Hard, and then now we have A Good Day to Die Hard, which, I have to be honest with you, I'm a little baffled still by that one."

Twenty-five years after the first Die Hard turned Willis from a funny TV guy into a bona fide action star, he's back in A Good Day to Die Hard as Det. John McClane, the wise-cracking New York cop who always manages to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.



Bruce Willis and Jai Courtney star in A Good Day to Die Hard, which opens next Thursday. HANDOUT

This go round, that wrong place is Moscow, where he's tracking down his estranged son (Jai Courtney).

"Moscow was really built for a couple of fish out of water like us. I can't imagine a bigger ocean of non-communication than Eastern Europe and Russia," Willis says. "I don't speak any other languages really. We

got a couple jokes out of that. It just opens it up. I like seeing myself not be able to figure things out — not being able to figure out how the car works, not being able to figure out what someone is saying to me. I can hardly understand English."

The fourth film found McClane reconciling with his

daughter (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), who has a small part here. With John Jr. featuring in this film, does that mean a sixth might reunite McClane and his wife, Holly, played by Bonnie Bedelia?

"I always think of Bonnie Bedelia and having her coming back," Willis says. "Those things are unfortunately out of

my hands. It has to do with the story."

Bedelia, for her part, has been keeping busy on NBC's Parenthood.

Willis is already the fourth member of the Expendables team to hit theatres with a headlining film in 2013, following Arnold Schwarzenegger (The Last Stand), Jason

## The origins of yippee-ki-yay

It turns out possibly the most famous line of dialogue in Bruce Willis' career, "yippee-ki-yay, motherf—er," wasn't even in the original Die Hard script. "It was an ad-lib," Bruce Willis admits. "Alan Rickman was such a good bad guy, he was constantly picking on me. He said something to me and I just happen to let that line slip out and it just became part of the fabric of the film. It's just amazing to me that the line has lasted this long. Kids say it to me on the street. Grandmothers. It's a little awkward. But I'm happy that they say it."

Statham (Parker) and Sylvester Stallone (Bullet to the Head). But Willis isn't concerned with how his latest outing will stack up against his colleagues'. "I don't compete with anyone. I compete with myself," he says.

"I wish everyone well. I'm still a big film fan. I still go to see other action films and I go to see comedies and all kinds of weird things. There is no competition."

## Garber thanks Garner

"At the time that they were casting the movie I was supposed to do a play and she said, 'Ben really wants you for this part, are you sure that play's going to happen?' And I said, 'You know, come to think of it, I'm not really sure they have all their money.' And it turned out they didn't. And so I got out of the play and got to do the movie. And really she was instrumental in that happening. Definitely, I have her to thank."

Victor Garber on Jennifer Garner helping him to secure a role in Argo, which was directed by Garner's husband, Ben Affleck

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## Canadian film

### Grandfather inspiration for Henry

Yan England remembers seeing his grandfather slip under the shroud of Alzheimer's disease, the memories of the elderly man's rich life gradually fading from his embattled brain. It shook the young man, but the experience also provided the catalyst for his moving film Henry, which is in contention for the best short live-action film Oscar when Hollywood

gathers on Feb. 24.

Henry is the story of an elderly pianist who dreams of one last duet with his beloved violinist wife.

The film, which England sees as a tribute to his grandfather, shows the world through Henry's eyes as his failing mind wanders through his life and his family grapples with his deteriorating condition. Although a work of fiction, the film is loosely based on England's granddad. "My grandfather lived this amazing life and he could remember every single detail," says the 30-year-old director.

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## Drama

### Side Effects

**Director.** Steven Soderbergh

**Stars.** Rooney Mara, Channing Tatum, Jude Law

If this is in fact to be Steven Soderbergh's final film as a director released in theatres, he's going out on a pretty good note. The twisty, intrigue-filled plot has an engaging neo-Hitchcock vibe but Soderbergh employs one twist too many. **NED EHRBAR**



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# Tegan and Sara bask in first-ever nomination

**Grammy Awards.** Calgary duo aren't exactly confident about their chances when it comes to winning at this Sunday's award show



First-time Grammy Award nominees Tegan and Sara aren't confident about their chances of winning. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

First-time Grammy Award nominees Tegan and Sara face some tough competition in the long-form music video category this Sunday, but at least one person close to the Calgary twins is confident.

"My mom's like, 'I think you're going to win,'" laughed Tegan Quin in a recent interview alongside her sister.

"I was like, 'Mom, we're up against Mumford & Sons and U2. You're high.'"

Even if the 32-year-old Quins aren't confidently clearing space on their mantels, they're tickled by the recognition.

The duo is up for Get Along, a DVD the five-time Juno nominees released back in November 2011 that features three separate documentaries totalling more than two hours of footage.

Sometimes such exercises in fan service carry the whiff of a cash-in, but Get Along was different — for one thing, it took about 16 months to compile.

It also provided an uncommonly intimate look at the twins, featuring footage of their trip to India as well as interviews with close friends and, yes, their mother, who has long been the subject of embarrassing anecdotes told by the twins onstage (with an unflattering voice impression to boot).

Perhaps in part because of the amount of work that went into Get Along, the Quins were thrilled to see it recognized.

"(It) was a labour of love," Sara said. "We spent a lot of

## Canadian nominees

A list of Canadian nominees heading into Sunday's 55th Grammy Awards:

- **Drake (three nominations).** Best rap album (Take Care); best rap song (The Motto); best rap performance (HYFR)
- **Carly Rae Jepsen (two nominations).** Song of the year (Call Me Maybe); best pop solo performance (Call Me Maybe)
- **Tamia (two nominations).** Best R&B song (Beautiful Surprise); best R&B album (Beautiful Surprise)
- **Arcade Fire.** Best song written for visual media

(Abraham's Daughter from The Hunger Games)

- **Michael Bublé.** Best traditional pop vocal album (Christmas)
- **Deadmau5.** Best dance/electronic album (Album Title Goes Here)
- **Melanie Fiona.** Best traditional R&B performance (Wrong Side of a Love Song)
- **Loreena McKennitt.** Best new age album (Troubadours on the Rhine)
- **Howard Shore.** Best score soundtrack for visual media (Hugo)

time working on it. So to have it recognized on such a high level, that's so exciting for us.

"Whether you believe in these systems of grading and competition ... it doesn't matter. Because your parents love it, your friends think it's cool. We're stoked."

As much as they're enjoying being Gramminated (as Sara put it), the pair won't be able to attend the ceremony

this Sunday at the Staples Center due to press duties overseas, where they're promoting their latest record, Heartthrob. The Quins did, however, offer to send their mother down to California in their place.

"She didn't want to go," Tegan said. "So she didn't think we were going to win that much."

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# CBS bans breasts, all things fun from Grammys

**Dress code.** Network proves that it stands for Can't Bare Skin with its new policy for celebrities attending this year's show

MARY ANN  
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Metro World News

Who would have thought the

55th Annual Grammy Awards would have a strict dress code?

With award show season in full swing, the Grammys is supposed to be the fun show. At the Grammys, it is acceptable for stars to let loose. It's not like at the Oscars where the atmosphere is a little stiffer.

This year, though, musicians might need to rethink their wardrobe. CBS Standard and Practice is instilling

**Too bootylicious for ya babe**

**"Please be sure that buttocks and female breasts are adequately covered. Thong-type costumes are problematic. Please avoid exposing bare fleshy under curves of the buttocks and buttock crack."**

CBS Standard and Practice department

a strict no boobs, no butts policy.

This is the email that went out by the S&P department

via Deadline:

"CBS Program Practices advises that all talent appearing on camera please ad-

here to Network policy concerning wardrobe. Please be sure that buttocks and female breasts are adequately covered. Thong-type costumes are problematic. Please avoid exposing bare fleshy under curves of the buttocks and buttock crack. Bare sides or under curvature of the breasts is also problematic. Please avoid sheer see-through clothing that could possibly expose female breast nipples. Please be sure the genital region is adequately covered so that there is no visible 'puffy'

bare skin exposure. Please avoid commercial identification of actual brand name products on T-shirts. Foreign language on wardrobe will need to be cleared."

Got that, ladies? No thongs. CBS is taking this situation seriously. They're not even allowing foreign language on clothes unless it's been cleared.

Our strict, private high school was more fun than the Grammys. What can we say, c'est la vie — that's 'such is life' for you, CBS.

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Lady Gaga, known for her questionable fashion choices, may have a tough time picking out an outfit this year. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

## Wild, weird and wonderful tracks



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A couple unusual recommendations this week that are worth passing around work today.



### She Must Be One of Us!/ Noel Gallagher

There's been a sudden flood of unreleased pre-Flying Birds Noel Gallagher demos. This one sounds like he's channelling Bob Dylan.

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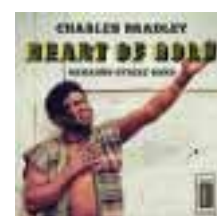
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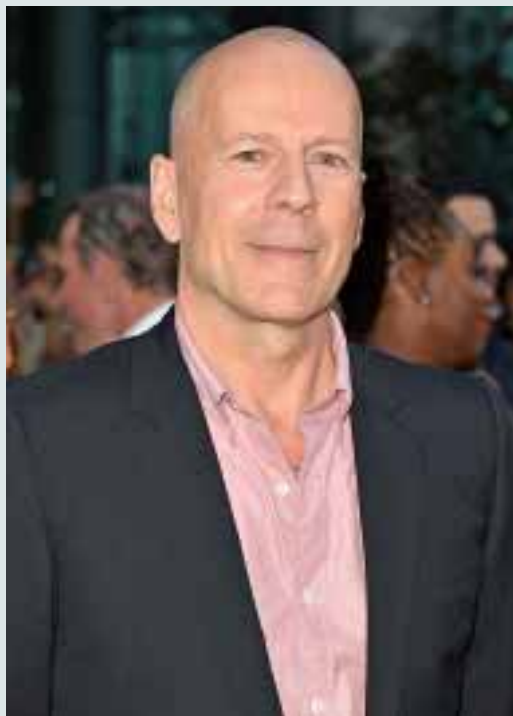
Wherein a former short order cook and James Brown impersonator records a Neil Young song for his debut album — at age 62.



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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

## The Word



### 'No one commits a crime because they saw a film,' Willis says

Bruce Willis, star of many bullet-ridden films, thinks it's a mistake to try to link violence in entertainment with real-life shootings like the recent incidents in Aurora, Colo., and Newtown, Conn.

"No one commits a crime because they saw

a film. There's nothing to support that," Willis tells the Associated Press. "We're not making movies about people that have gone berserk, or gone nuts. Those kind of movies wouldn't last very long at all." Furthermore, Willis isn't a fan of more gun control legislation.

"I think that you can't start to pick apart anything out of the Bill of Rights without thinking that it's all going to become undone," he says. "If you take one out or change one law, then why wouldn't they take all your rights away from you?" **METRO WORLD NEWS**

## Twitter



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Keep seeing #JacktheGiantSlayer posters everywhere. More than can be said for #TheImpossible. Zero posters there! Shame.



**@rosemcgowan**

Does anyone know ANYONE with a Nielsen ratings box? Just curious.



**@johncusack**

-Is paradise expensive or cheap? just curious..



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What are my chances of ending up on a sex offender list if I'm watching kids ice skate while slowly eating this delicious doughy pretzel?



Dev Patel and Freida Pinto ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Everyday is Valentine's Day for Slumdog couple

Slumdog Millionaire co-stars Dev Patel and Freida Pinto, who have been dating for four years, don't have anything special planned for Valentine's Day this year — or any year — they tell Us Weekly.

"I actually am not a big

Valentine's Day supporter," Pinto says. "I don't really celebrate it." Which leaves the perfect opening for Patel to prove what a great boyfriend he is: "Everyday should be a celebration of love," he says. Top that, gentlemen.

## Lohan keeping calm and carrying on



Lindsay Lohan

Despite her ongoing legal troubles and reports of her being difficult to work with, Lindsay Lohan insists she's keeping calm and carrying on. So what's her secret?

"Family," she tells E! News. "You can't get through anything without the family. Family is everything."

Lohan, it should be noted, has had public meltdowns with her mom, Dina Lohan, in recent months, and her dad, Michael Lohan, has been pushing on numerous occasions for an intervention and rehab for his daughter.

## Beckham's pink kicks draw lots of attention

David Beckham has been spotted on the field lately sporting a pair of pink sneakers, which got the attention of a few fans.

During a Twitter chat for clothing retailer H&M, the soccer star acknowledged his love for the interesting footwear choice when a fan asked which sneakers were his favour-

ite. "That would have to be my current Adidas boots," Beckham replied. "They are pink, which I chose because of (baby daughter) Harper."

Beckham also revealed that he expects his family will be spending a "huge amount of time in the U.S. in the future" despite a recent move back to England.



David Beckham

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This one is for all the lovers in the world. Well, at least for all you guys out there who haven't realized that Valentine's Day is this coming Thursday.

Why didn't Cupid just make V-Day the second Sunday of February so we could cook up an easy breakfast in bed for our sweeties accompanied by a glass of bubbly?

That would be too easy. This year, it's a weekday. So, if you're not going out on the town to show your devotion, at least bring her home (or him, girls) a bottle that's the liquid equivalent of an Enrique Iglesias album.

It wouldn't hurt if that vino paired well with a heart-shaped box of bonbons. Chocolate is a palate coating confection, so many wines lose their nuance when paired with it.

Reds work best, with Old Vine Zinfandels, ripe and ready Pinot Noirs and plump, thick-fruited Merlots all having a natural sweetness that gives them the edge if you're trying to match one wine with a variety of chocolate styles.

J. Lohr Estates' 2010 Los Osos Merlot (\$19.95 to \$22.99) from California's Paso Robles is a chewy burst of deep berry fruit that definitely brings the love. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



This recipe serves two. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Easy romantic dinner frees up time for love

**Crab and Hearts of Palm Gratin with Arugula Salad.** Make-ahead dish won't keep you in the kitchen

Not planning to go out for Valentine's Day? Time to start planning a special menu for a romantic night in.

This dish is warm, comforting and rich with flavours that say "you're special."

It cooks up in a gratin dish, so you can assemble it ahead of time, then when you're ready to eat, just pop it in the oven.

While the gratin bakes, assemble the salad and serve everything together with a

crusty baguette.

It's simple, special and perfect for an evening in.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Place 2 shallow individual-sized casserole or gratin dishes on a baking sheet.

2. Chop the artichoke hearts and hearts of palm into 1/2-inch pieces. In a medium bowl, gently stir together the artichokes and hearts of palm with the thyme, lemon zest, cream, fontina, white pepper and crab. Spoon the mixture into the gratin dishes.

3. In a small bowl, stir together the breadcrumbs, paprika, salt and melted butter. Sprinkle over the gratins.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until bubbling and golden.

4. While the gratins bake, make the salad. In a medium bowl, whisk together the ol-

ive oil, vinegar, mustard and maple syrup. Add the arugula, cherries and almonds and gently toss to coat. Serve topped with sea salt and black pepper. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Ingredients

#### For the gratin

- 14-oz each cans artichoke hearts and hearts of palm, drained
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup grated fontina cheese
- 1/4 tsp ground white pepper
- 12 oz lump crab meat
- 1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 tsp sweet paprika

- Pinch of salt
- 1 tbsp butter, melted
- For the salad:**
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- 2 cups baby arugula
- 1/4 cup fresh or dried cherries
- 2 tbsp toasted almonds
- Sea salt and ground black pepper

## Impress your lover in bed

**Breakfast-in-bed Egg Strata.** The perfect start to your Valentine's Day

1. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

2. In bowl, whisk eggs, milk, half-and-half, salt, mustard, nutmeg and white pepper.

3. In prepared baking dish, layer half each of the bread,

### Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- Dash nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp white pepper
- 3 slices sandwich bread, cubed
- 1 lb sage breakfast sausage, cooked, drained and crumbled
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions

sausage, cheese and scallions, then repeat using the remaining ingredients to create a second layer of each. Pour the egg mixture evenly over the layers, gently pressing with

a fork to make sure all of the ingredients are submerged.

4. Cover the baking dish with foil, crimping the edges tight. Refrigerate for at least



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

an hour, or up to overnight.

5. When ready to cook, heat the oven to 350 F. Uncover and bake the strata for 1

hour, or until puffy and a knife inserted at the centre comes out clean. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARLEM, GRILLING AND SOUTHERN FOOD EXPERT**



Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?  
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



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### That's batty

A tabloid news story adapted into a stage musical? It sounds bizarre, but that's nothing compared to the story. *Bat Boy: The Musical*, the adaptation of a 1992 Weekly World News story about a half-boy, half-Bat, runs at the Grand Theatre's McManus Studio Theatre from Feb. 14 to 23. The dark comedy has won critical acclaim and several theatre awards — it might make a good Valentine's date for anyone who has ever sang along to the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Tickets are \$28.25 at grandtheatre.com. Image courtesy of Garrett Rodman.



### Prisoners' Justice Film Festival

This weekend marks London's first-ever film festival to promote concerns about the myriad social issues affecting Canada's prison system. The Prisoners' Justice Film Festival, starting tonight and ending on Sunday, will feature free screenings of films that seek to address the experiences of marginalized groups and people in prison. Screenings start tonight at 7 p.m. at the Central Library at 251 Dundas St. For a complete list of films and show times, visit [prisonjusticefilm.wordpress.com](http://prisonjusticefilm.wordpress.com). Image courtesy of Giselle Dias.



### A year of Gen Pop

It has been a successful first year for Gen Pop, London's youngest community-building collective in the LGBT2Q community, and they're celebrating Friday at the newly-reopened APK at 347 Clarence St. The music will come courtesy of DJs Patrick the Bunny and Boyfriend Material, and all proceeds will be donated to Open Closet, a local support group for trans and queer youth. The event doubles as the after party for the Prisoners' Justice Film Festival's 2-spirit, queer and trans bill. The event is all-ages from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. and 19 plus thereafter. Pay what you can at the door. Image courtesy of Geoff Bardwell.



### Rock 'n' roll 'n' romance

Don't stop believing, because *Rock of Ages* is finally making its way to London — but act fast because it's for one night only. The smash-hit Broadway musical tells a 1980s love story with the help of music by bands like Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Foreigner, Pat Benatar, and Whitesnake. The show hits the RBC Theatre at Budweiser Gardens (99 Dundas St.) on Wednesday, Feb. 13, as part of the Broadway in London series. Tickets start at \$50 at [budweiser-gardens.com](http://budweiser-gardens.com). Image courtesy of Savannah Sewell.



### Canadian chopper

This weekend, the ninth World of Motorcycles Expo rolls into the Western Fair District Agriplex at 845 Florence St. It's a motor head's dream — three days of demos, action shows and vendors, not to mention hundreds of bikes registered to compete in the custom bike awards show (and more than a few for sale). General admission is \$15, with discounts for youth and kids — and that also gets you into the London Bicycle Show happening at the same time. For a schedule and complete list of vendors, visit [womex.ca](http://womex.ca). Image courtesy of Derek Botten.



### Life is but a Swing Dance

Tonight the Palace Theatre (712 Dundas St.) premieres a play grown from the ground up right here in London. *Swing Dance*, written by Londoner Lynda Martens and presented by the London Community Players, is a comedy about two baby boomer couples whose lives cross as they struggle with age, trying to stay young and connected. The play runs until Saturday Feb. 16 and all tickets are \$15. For information and to purchase tickets, go to [palacetheatre.ca](http://palacetheatre.ca). Image courtesy of Faith Coates.



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## Olympics

Price of ski jump  
could cost official  
his job

A year before the 2014 Winter Olympics are to begin, President Vladimir Putin has demanded that a senior member of the Russian Olympic Committee be fired, apparently due to cost overruns in host city Sochi — a demand certain to be fulfilled.

The current price tag for the Sochi Games is \$51 billion US, which would make them the most expensive games in the history of the Olympics.

Putin's decision came after his tour of Olympic venues, during which he heard that the cost of the ski jump had soared from \$40 million to \$265 million and that the project was behind schedule.

The official facing dismissal, Akmet Bilalov, had a company that was building the ski jump and its adjacent facilities before selling its stake to state-owned Sberbank last year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Skiing

Guay gives course  
the thumbs down

Defending champion Erik Guay of Canada criticized the men's downhill course at the world ski championships in Schladming, Austria, after training on Thursday, calling one of the jumps "way too big."

Guay said he hurt his back while landing after the 30-metre jump.

"That's ridiculous," Guay said. "Any course you should be able to push in the first training run and not have to worry about injuries like that."

The height of the jump was causing problems because racers land on a flat part of the slope, the skier said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The sun shines over the ski stadium during the FIS Cross-Country World Cup in Sochi, Russia, on Feb. 3. The Sochi Olympics are a year away and the weather may be the biggest hurdle to overcome for Russia to claim a success story. IGOR YAKUNIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# A warm welcome awaits Olympians

## Countdown to Sochi.

Weather could prove to be a stumbling block at next Winter Games

## Quoted

"They'll be ... doing everything possible to make it into a winter wonderland."

Environment Canada's senior climatologist David Phillips on the Sochi Winter Games

The Sochi Olympics are a year away and already there are worries about Circassian Muslim unrest, transportation headaches and even earthquakes.

But the weather may be the biggest hurdle to overcome for Russia to claim a success story.

If you thought the 2010 Vancouver Games had issues, just wait.

"In Canada, if somebody said, 'Pick the least likely place for a Winter Games,' I

would have picked Vancouver and, in Russia, I would have picked Sochi," says Environment Canada's senior climatologist David Phillips.

"I think we think we can fool Mother Nature sometimes."

Sochi was Joseph Stalin's cottage retreat back in the day, where he had his favourite "dacha" or summer house, a bit of a misnomer since it's as big as some modest resort hotels. You can still take a tour.

Think of it as Russia's Florida, festooned with palm trees and located on the northeastern coast of the Black Sea, just a little north of Turkey and northeast of Greece. The climate is classified as subtropical.

Phillips looked at data both for Sochi and the ski resort of Krasnaya Polyana and compared them with Vancouver and Whistler.

The city will be the site of the "coastal cluster" as organizers have dubbed it for

arena-based sports, while the "mountain cluster" will host skiing, snowboarding and bobsledding events. Each will have its own Olympic village.

"In Sochi you can enjoy a warm southern sea as well as high, snow-covered mountains," organizers boast.

It can snow in Sochi proper but it's not exactly a regular occurrence, as average daytime temperatures, Phillips says, are around the 9 C range in February. The record though is about 24 C.

That's even warmer than Vancouver, which has an average daytime temperature of 8 C in February, and had more than its share of weather-related problems at the last Winter Olympics.

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## Cycling. Dallas company sues Lance Armstrong to recover \$12M bonus

A Dallas promotions company sued Lance Armstrong on Thursday, demanding he repay \$12 million US in bonuses and fees it paid him for winning the Tour de France.

SCA Promotions had tried in a 2005 legal dispute over the bonuses to prove Armstrong cheated to win before it ultimately settled and paid him.

Armstrong recently acknowledged using performance-enhancing drugs after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency in 2012 detailed a sophisticated doping program involving his cycling teams. Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France victories and given a lifetime ban from sports.

Now the company is contending in its lawsuit that Armstrong and agent Bill Stapleton lied and conspired to cheat SCA out of millions. The lawsuit notes that Armstrong repeatedly testified under oath in the 2005 dispute that he did

### Extended deadline

USADA chief executive Travis Tygart said Wednesday the agency has been in contact with Armstrong and is giving him more time to decide if he wants to co-operate with its investigators and tell more about what he knows of doping in cycling. Armstrong has until Feb. 20 to work out an interview with investigators under oath.

not use steroids, other drugs or blood doping methods to win, all of which he now admits to doing.

"It is time now for Mr. Armstrong to face the consequences of his actions," said the lawsuit, which demands a jury trial. "He admits he doped; he admits he bullied people; he admits he lied."

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### NBL Canada

## Phillips nets 29 points in Lightning win over Miracle

Marvin Phillips scored 29 points to lead the London Lightning to a 102-92 win Thursday over the Miracles in Moncton.

Elvin Mims, with 16

points, and Adrian Moss, with 14, were the other top scorers for the Lightning. Isaac Butts led Moncton with 24 points.

The Lightning play in Saint John, N.B., on Friday, then return to Budweiser Gardens on Sunday for a 2 p.m. National Basketball League of Canada tilt against Summerside, P.E.I.

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# Tim Raines called to Canadian Hall of Fame

**Baseball.** Seven-time all-star headlines class that includes George Bell and Tom Cheek

He's still waiting for Cooperstown to call, but Tim Raines can finally say he's a Hall of Famer.

The former Montreal Expos outfielder was named for induction Thursday into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Also included in the class of 2013 are former Toronto Blue Jays outfielders George Bell and Rob Ducey, as well as former announcer Tom Cheek and longtime minor-league owner Nat Bailey.

No players were elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame this year. Raines was fifth in voting conducted by the Baseball Writers' Association of America with 297 votes (52.2 per cent), finishing short of the 75 per cent required for induction.

"Definitely different types of emotions," Raines said during a conference call. "The emotions of not getting into the Baseball Hall of Fame is something I've been dealing with for five years."

"Getting into the Canadian (Baseball) Hall of Fame ... is the highest honour I've gotten since I played professional baseball, so this is a great moment for me and my family. I was ecstatic about it."

Raines, 53, played left field for six major-league teams from 1979 to 2002 but is best known for his time in Montreal (1979-90). Nicknamed Rock, he was a seven-time all-star and two-time World Series champion as a player — he added a third in 2005 as a Chicago White Sox coach — and retired with a career .294 average with 2,605 hits, 170



Tim Raines, pictured as a Montreal Expos outfielder on April 4, 1989, was named for induction into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's class of 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

### Quoted

"I'll just keep hoping and keep praying that it will happen. If not, I'm a Canadian Hall of Famer now and I feel pretty good about that."

Tim Raines, saying he continues to hold out hope the call from Cooperstown will come

homers and 808 stolen bases.

Last month, Raines joined the Toronto Blue Jays as a base-running and outfield coach.

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### Former AL MVP

## Bell fond of career as a Blue Jay

Bell, 53, spent 12 seasons in the majors with Toronto, the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox but enjoyed his best success with the Blue Jays. The native of San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, was a three-time all-star and won the American League MVP with the

Jays in 1987.

Bell enjoyed his best season that year, hitting .308 with 47 homers and 134 runs batted in.

Bell said a regret was leaving Toronto after the 1990 season to sign as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs. A year later, he was dealt to the White Sox for Sammy Sosa and Ken Patterson.

"The experience I had with the Toronto Blue Jays was the best I ever had in my life," he said.

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**Horoscopes**

**Aries**

**March 21 - April 20**

It's OK to get angry if someone has done you wrong but don't take it too far and turn it into a vendetta. It may be frustrating that you can't seem to change their ways but that's just the way it is. Live with it.

**Taurus**

**April 21 - May 21**

Read between the lines if you want to find out what is really going on. Once you have cracked the code, you can use what you learn to strengthen your own position. Are we talking blackmail here? Maybe!

**Gemini**

**May 22 - June 21**

Your intuition is trying to tell you something important but the rational part of your mind refuses to accept it. Turn your logic circuits off for a bit and let the deeper part of your nature come through.

**Cancer**

**June 22 - July 23**

Be nice to partners and loved ones today because you will need their assistance over the weekend. Think before you speak or act. Try to see what effect your words might have. It never hurts to look ahead.

**Leo**

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

The planets will expand your horizons today and help you find interesting things in even the most tedious of tasks. It's not what you do that matters so much as the attitude you choose to take while doing it.

**Virgo**

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Today's Mars-Mercury link in your opposite sign may make it seem as if the world is against you but you know it's not true. End this week and start the next in the same fashion: Don't take anything too seriously.

**Libra**

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

You will be rather suspicious as to other people's motives today, to the extent that you turn down their offers of assistance. Later on, you may look back and wish you had not been quite so distrustful.

**Scorpio**

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Certain people need reminding that you are a free individual and not a servant to be used as they see fit. If your present work environment does not suit you, it's time to change it.

**Sagittarius**

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Put your own needs first and ignore those who say you are being selfish. Maybe you are but there were plenty of times in the past when you sacrificed your own desires to help other people. Remind them of that.

**Capricorn**

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Try not to be suspicious if a rival pays you a compliment. According to the planets, they are making a genuine attempt to bury the hatchet. Respond in kind and show them you appreciate the effort.

**Aquarius**

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

If you rely on what other people tell you today, chances are you will head off in completely the wrong direction. The words people use are important, of course, but trust your intuition if it tells you something different.

**Pisces**

**Feb. 20 - March 20**

Mars in your sign makes you determined to get the most out of every minute, and that's good, but don't throw yourself blindly at every challenge that comes along. Your time and energy are precious, so use them wisely. **SALLY BROMPTON**

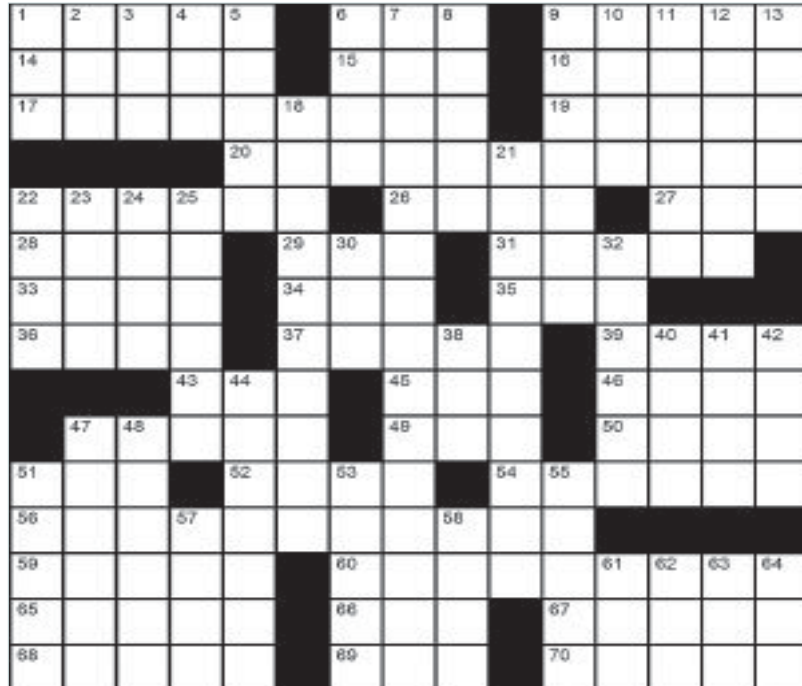
**Crossword: Canada Across and Down**

**Across**

1. UK's Oscar equivalent
6. Shopping or To-Do, e.g.
9. Hairstylist's tools
14. "Let \_\_\_\_!" (Start!)
15. News agcy.
16. Aunt's hubby, in Quebec
17. Quebec City founder in 1608, Samuel de \_\_\_\_
19. "\_\_\_\_ Work It Out" by The Beatles: 2 wds.
20. The \_\_\_\_ (North-of-Montreal skiing region)
22. Alex of "Jeopardy!"
26. Prefix with 'logical'
27. Pres. Eisenhower
28. Annoy
29. 'Filb' finisher (Nut)
31. Ms. Stefani, and others
33. Role in "The Producers" (2005)
34. Zodiac's roarer
35. 'Pepper' add-on (Pizza topping)
36. Mountain stat.
37. Grams \_\_\_\_ (Nutritional info)
39. Scientology founder, \_\_\_\_ Hubbard
43. Hosp. area
45. Numerical prefix
46. Overseas currency
47. Seaweed-wrapped appetizer
49. Bit of Beatles: "Isn't \_\_\_\_ bit like..."
50. "Refer" suffix
51. Vienna is its cap.
52. "\_\_\_\_ dead people." (#13-Down line)
54. Tiger type
56. "Born to Be Wild" band
59. Elvis line: "We're caught in \_\_\_\_"
60. 1991 Nirvana album
65. France's longest river
66. "This \_\_\_\_ surprise!"
67. \_\_\_\_ space
68. Concluded
69. Cardinals player's baseball cap letters
70. Russian negativess

**Down**

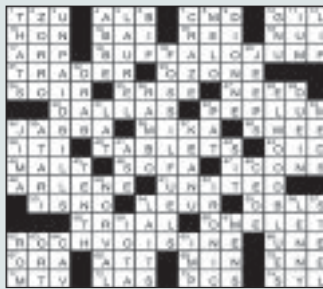
1. Ballpoint brand



2. Sports fig.
3. Lobster \_\_\_\_ Diavolo (Seafood dish with pasta)
4. Director Mr. Burton
5. Crunchy fruit
6. Hawaiian feast
7. "And If Venice Is Sinking" band: 4 wds.
8. Like a fork
9. Calgary's nickname
10. "Dedicated to the \_\_\_\_ Love" by The Shirelles
11. Canadian frozen fries maker
12. Spaces
13. "The Sixth \_\_\_\_" (1999)
18. Banff National Park sight: 2 wds.
21. On the table, as a deal
22. Genuine
23. Streamlet
24. Fashion magazine
25. "\_\_\_\_ and Butt-Head"
30. NHL official
32. '80s hit: "Come On \_\_\_\_"
38. I am. You \_\_\_\_
40. Ladder step
41. Whale movie
42. Liam's Oasis brother
44. Nicked, as nail polish
47. Canadian real estate company

48. Logging-on name, \_\_\_\_
51. Make \_\_\_\_ (Do store business)
53. Heath's "Brokeback Mountain" (2005) role
55. Actor Zac
57. Canadian actress Jessica of "Mad Men"
58. Face shape
61. Very: Spanish
62. 'Meteor' suffix
63. Hair holder
64. Li'l physicians

**Yesterday's Crossword**

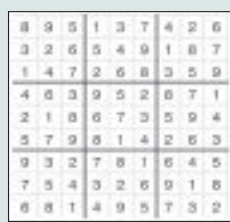


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**How to play**

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**Yesterday's Sudoku**



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